

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the paragraph starting at page 7, li. 13 ending at page 8, li. 5 with the following:

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The inner shaft 24 includes an elongated tubular channel spacer 62 and a tubular spacer 64 (spacer assembly) and extends from the delivery system distal portion 32 through hypotube shaft 48 in handle 14 to secure at luer fitting 52. Channel spacer 62 extends coaxial along the length of inner shaft 24 from a proximal marker band 66 to approximately strain relief 22. Eight channels, 68A-68H, are spaced about its circumference as shown in figure 5. While eight channels are shown, any suitable number of channels may be chosen. Tubular spacer 64, also coaxial with inner shaft 24, extends from the proximal end of channel spacer 62 through hypotube shaft 48 to just distal of luer fitting 52. Hypotube shaft 48 acts as a support component for the proximal end of the inner shaft 24. Tubular spacer 64 is positioned within hypotube shaft 48 to decrease the annular space 70 between the hypotube shaft 48 and inner shaft 24 thus reducing the ability of the inner shaft 24 to deflect in a radial direction. Furthermore, tubular spacer 64 and channel spacer 62 support inner shaft 24 with respect to outer shaft 26 by eliminating slack when outer shaft 26 is moved with respect to inner shaft 24. Accordingly, this acts to increase the responsiveness of outer shaft 26 with respect to the movement of knob 18 such that there is one to one correlation between the amount of movement of knob 18 and outer shaft 26.